

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/552,209  
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Title: VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR AND  
APPARATUSES USING THE SAME  
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Examiner: Alexander S. Thomas

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application is requested to consider and make of record the reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a form submitted herewith. A copy of the reference listed on the PTO/SB/08a form is enclosed.

Although the information submitted herewith may be "material" to the Examiner's consideration of the subject application, this submission is not intended to constitute an admission that such information is "prior art" as to the claimed invention.

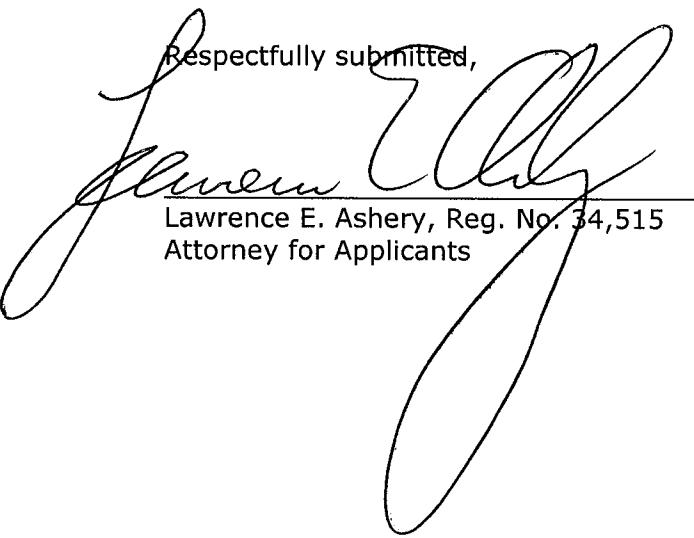
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made.

Japanese reference 4-64089 U is not in the English language but contains a partial English language translation.

This reference was cited by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. MPEP Section 609(a)iii, second paragraph.

More than three months have elapsed since the filing of the above-referenced application and a first (non-Final) Official Action has been received. No Final Action or Notice of Allowance has yet been received and it is presumed that none has yet been mailed. Accordingly, the required fee of \$180. set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is provided herewith.

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(1) Reference

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